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1. RECENT EPISODES OF HARKI CHILDREN ALLEGEDLY BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN ALGERIA AND THAT HARKI KIDNAPPINGS OF ALGERIANS IN FRANCE EITHER IN REPRISAL OR TO PRESS POLITICAL CLAIMS (REFTELS) CONTINUE STIR ALGERIANS.
2. ALGERIAN PRESS CONVERING KIDNAPPINGS OF ALGERIANS IN FRANCE IN OUTRAGED DETAIL AND REPORTING AT EQUAL LENGTH THE PLEASANT VACATIONS HARKI CHILDREN PASSING HERE.
3. IN ADDITION TO PROTESTATIONS OF INJURED INNOCENCE, UNDERLYING ALGERIAN THEMES REMAIN:
 - A. QUESTIONING OF SINCERITY OF GOF AND GISCARD PROMISES AND EFFORTS TO PROTECT ALGERIAN IMMIGRANTS IN FRANCE;
 - B. ASSERTIONS OF ALGERIAN SOVEREIGNTY ON QUESTION OF MOVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS (READ HARKIS) TO ALGERIA;
 - C. WARNINGS THAT CURRENT EVENTS IN FRANCE POSE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS" ABOUT, AND "TEST" OF, WHOLE ALGERIAN/FRENCH RELATIONSHIP.
4. FACT THAT KIDNAPPINGS COINCIDE WITH BOMBINGS 18 AUGUST

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BY PARIS-BASED SOA AND WITH AUGUST 20 ALGERIAN TWENTIETH

OBSERVANCE OF BLOODY CONSTANTINE RIOTS IN 1955 HAS EMBITTERED
LOCAL ATMOSPHERE FURTHER.

5. FRENCH EMBASSY, FOR ITS PART, IS CURSING ALGERIAN
HARDHEADEDNESS, HARKI OBSTREPEROUSNESS AND QUAI PRESSURE.
IT REGRETS HAVING TO USE WHAT POLITICAL CREDIT IT HAS ON
WHAT IT REGARDS AS BASICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS
STIMULATED BY AUGUST HEAT AND LEISURE TIME ON BOTH SIDES
OF MEDITERRANEAN.

6. WHILE COOLER WEATHER AND HEADS WILL PRESUMABLY RESOLVE
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, UNDERLYING FRICTION BUILT INTO
ALGERIAN/FRENCH RELATIONSHIP. DESPITE BEST QUAI DETER-
MINATION AND PONIATOWSKI EFFORTS, WE SUSPECT THESE FRICTIONS
WILL CONTINUE TO HAUNT THEM BOTH.
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